Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 25 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 26 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 24 Oct 2023 at 17:04 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled and changeable conditions through the coming days. Lower for exact rain and wind details so stay up to date with the forecast.

Headline for Wednesday 25 Oct 2023: Low cloud and patchy light rain but drier in the west. Cold and windy on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 25 Oct 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
			FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG	FOG
Clear night	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	10%	30%	60%	60%	60%	60%

Forecast for Wednesday 25 Oct 2023

Weather: Dry and chilly with clear spells overnight. Mainly dry with a little brightness at first over ranges close to the west coast. Otherwise, cloudy and misty with occasional light rain, falling as sleet or wet snow above 1100m.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Less than 10% for most ranges. 60% near the west coast at first.

Low Cloud and visibility: Very poor visibility for most of the day at height with extensive low cloud and fog above 500 or 600m. Cloud patchier and above 700 or 800m at times near the west coast.

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Forecast for Wednesday 25 Oct 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	11/13 E	11/14 E	15/18 E	21/26 E	22/29 E	24/31 E	26/34 E	29/38 E	22/30 E
900	13/16 E	13/17 E	15/19 E	19/25 E	18/25 E	19/26 E	21/30 E	23/33 E	21/29 E
600	11/14 NE	11/13 NE	13/17 NE	20/24 NE	16/22 NE	18/24 E	20/27 E	23/30 E	18/24 E
300	4/6 NE	4/6 N	4/7 NE	4/7 N	5/9 NE	8/12 NE	8/13 NE	9/17 NE	6/12 NE
Glen	3/10 NE	4/11 NE	5/13 NE	7/16 NE	8/16 NE	8/17 NE	7/17 NE	8/19 E	9/20 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	1/-3	1/-4	1/-4	1/-5	1/-5	1/-5	1/-5	1/-6	0/-6
900	2/-3	1/-3	2/-3	3/-3	4/-1	4/-1	4/-2	3/-2	3/-3
600	5/1	4/1	4/0	5/0	6/2	6/2	6/1	6/1	5/1
300	5/3	5/3	5/3	6/4	8/6	9/7	8/6	7/5	7/5
Glen	5/3	5/3	5/3	7/5	10/8	11/9	9/8	9/7	9/7
Freezing Level*	1300m	1400m	1500m	1500m	1600m	1700m	1700m	1700m	1600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling cold at height with a significant wind chill in the damp conditions along with difficult navigation conditions.

Forecast for Thursday 26 Oct 2023
Weather: Mostly cloudy with further spells of rain, possibly heavy at times in the east but occasionally drier and brighter towards the west coast. Sleet on the highest Munro tops in the morning.

Maximum wind: East or southeast 25mph gusts 35mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Less than 10%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor for most of the day with extensive low cloud and fog above 600 or 700m. Patchier cover with higher bases in far west.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7C rising to 10 or 11C.
At 800m: Plus 3C rising to 6C.
Freezing level: 1300m, rising well above summits.

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